

The definite article (der, die, das)

First, you have to memorize the definite articles.

This is necessary because you can derive all other articles from the definite article.

Study the table beneath until you know the definite articles by heart.

Test yourself every now and then and write the articles on a blank sheet of paper.

 Easy German Grammar Stories	Singular maskulin	Singular feminin	Singular neutral	Plural
1 Nominativ	der	die	das	die
4 Akkusativ	den	die	das	die
3 Dativ	dem	der	dem	den
2 Genitiv	des	der	des	der

- The nominative is the basic form (der, die, das).
- Accusative feminine and neutral: The definite article keeps the basic form (die, das)!
- **Accusative masculine**: The definite article changes to **den**.

The definite article + adjective

If an adjective follows the definite article, the adjective will have these endings:

- After the basic forms: **-e** (der kleine Mann, ...)
- **After all other forms: -en** (dem kleinen Mann, ...)

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Summary:

1. Learn 16 articles
2. Adjectives after the basic forms get the ending **-e**.
3. Adjectives after **all other forms** get the ending **-en**.

Have fun with **der**, **die** and **das**! Learn German articles the easy way!



In my three [easy German books](https://www.easygermangrammarstories.de) **der**, **die** and **das**, you can learn the gender of nouns in a totally easy and efficient way. **Each story has only masculine, feminine, or neutral nouns.** So, you can assign the nouns to the respective story and immediately know which gender the nouns have. All nouns are translated into English, Spanish and Japanese. Read a fun story and expand vocabulary the easy way!

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